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NEWS NOTES

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII LIBRARY

Miss Gale Sakai recently joined the staff, after a long wait for transportation from the Mainland. Miss Sakai is a Maui girl. She went to the University of Hawaii, then to the University of Illinois library school. For two years she worked in the Periodical Division of the University of Illinois Library, and she will work in the Government Documents collection here.

Another new arrival is Miss Harue Morimoto of Hawaii, who is now a member of the Catalog Department. She graduated from the University of Hawaii, did post graduate work at the University of Chicago, and then attended the School of Librarianship at the University of Michigan. She worked at the George Bruce Branch of the New York Public Library for several months before returning to the Islands. While in New York she lived at International House.

Mrs. Wai Chee Yee, who is on a year's leave of absence welcomed a baby daughter in March. The baby has been named Marilyn. We expect Mrs. Yee back at the University in January. At present Mrs. Eloise Winstedt is working part-time in Mrs. Yee's place.

We regretfully bade a fond farewell last month to our youngest and most popular staff member -- Miss Jan Everly, aged almost-two. She came to work each day and amused herself (and us!), playing happily in her play-pen in the staff room, while her mother, Mrs. Zoe Everly, worked in the Catalog Department. It was fun watching her grow, and we miss her very much!

HAWAII COUNTY LIBRARY

No news, say Mrs. Welsh, except the sad news that she has only six professional people on her staff and has had just that number since the first month of the war. Of these six, about half the time of one is taken up by service to the Army Library which actually leaves only five and a half persons.

MAUI COUNTY FREE LIBRARY

These are busy days on Maui -- as everywhere!! Mrs. Davis reports that her Children's Librarian, Mrs. Margaret Bolick "resigned May first and has gone to Molokai to be with her husband, Captain Eri Bolick". Miss Rosabel Holloway, teacher at the Baldwin High School will join the Maui Library staff as summer substitute.

LIBRARY OF HAWAII

Lei Stevenson Becker, whose marriage to Lt. Jack Becker, U. S. N., took place in February, has left for the Mainland to join her husband, who has been assigned to flight training in Texas.

Mrs. Ethel Hill has rejoined the staff and will work part-time this summer, doing poster and publicity work.

Several members of the staff have attended courses of the "Training Within Industry" program. They are Miss Florence Klammer, Miss Susan Taylor, Miss Muriel Weins, and Mrs. Mabel Jackson.

The Library opened its doors on Wednesday evening, April 5 for the first night opening since the Blitz. The public's response was enthusiastic, and a goodly crowd has appeared at the Library on each succeeding Wednesday.

Miss Alice Simpson returned from the Mainland in April to resume her position in the Catalog Department. She reports that her trip across the water was pleasant and comfortable, but the bus ride from Ohio to California was really something -- four days of thunder, lightning, hail, sleet and snow. Ah, the joys of travel nowdays!

Mrs. Laura Sutherland and Mr. David Moncrief of the Board of Trustees were invited by the City Planning Commission to sit in on their meeting to discuss the pros and cons of including the libraries in their city planning program.

KAUAI PUBLIC LIBRARY

In addition to her duties as Librarian, Mrs. Thelma Hadley recently showed her ability as dramatic director when she coached the cast of Christopher Morley's one-act play, "Rehearsal". A cordial letter from Mr. Morley gave his blessing to the production, which was the final program for the Mokihana Club of Kauai in June.

Mrs. Eleanor White, Children's Librarian, finds time for many outside civic activities. She is a Board Member and Chairman of the Public Affairs Committee of the Kauai Y. W. C. A. and will be president of the Women's Mokihana Club during the coming year. All three members of the staff, adds Kirby Carr, our reporter, "are also battling vigorously on the home front, being in a state of comparative maidlessness, and having plenty of extra-curricular duties in the shape of large and active families! A condition which is no doubt shared by many other members of the H. L. A.!"

DID YOU KNOW THAT ? ? ?

There are at present 133 members of the Hawaii Library Association. This goodly number represents 68 institutions -- public libraries, school and university libraries, special libraries, and service libraries. The Association is a growing concern, and almost monthly we welcome new members.

WE "MAKE" THE RADIO

Tune in your radios to K. G. M. B. for "Something To Think About", by Larry Stevens. This brief program is aired several times weekly, and Mr. Stevens has kindly agreed to give the H. L. A. a bit of publicity from time to time. So please send in any interesting news about your library, new books, anecdotes, local color, etc. and thus help us get on the air.

SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED

A Reference and Special Libraries Section has been organized and held its first meeting at the Library of Hawaii on May 17th. Miss Charlotte Hoskins of the Reference Department of the University of Hawaii Library was elected chairman of the group, and Mrs. Eloise Winstedt, also of the University of Hawaii Library, will act as secretary. Sixteen librarians attended the meeting, and the discussion revolved around the Union List of Serials which is housed at the University of Hawaii Library. It was decided that each library whose holdings are represented in the Union List would be responsible for bringing the infor-

mation up to date, so that the List will be accurate and complete. In time a copy of the revised list will be sent to each subscribing library. Miss Hoskins reports that she has gotten in touch with a number of special libraries whose periodical holdings have not previously been entered on the List, and it is hoped that they will join their resources with ours. You will hear more on the subject later. It will be a tremendous task, bringing the Union List up to date, but since its usefulness will of course be increased a hundred-fold it was agreed that this will be a highly worthwhile project for the Section to undertake. The initial meeting of the new Section was a very interesting one, and we look forward to the next, which will be held at the University of Hawaii Library on July 26th, at 4:30. Anyone who is interested in attending is cordially invited to come.

WHO'S WHO ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

MRS. VIOLET A. SILVERMAN, President.

Born in Hilo, Mrs. Silverman is a member of a kamaaina family. She received her education at Central Grammar School, a private school on Hawaii, Punahou and Western Reserve Library School. She has worked in the Buffalo Public Library, Cooke Library at Punahou, the Hawaiian Mission Children's Society Library, and the Library of Hawaii. She is librarian of the Hawaiian Historical Society, and served as vice-president of the H. L. A. last year. She is chairman of the Library Committee of the Hawaiian Mission Children's Society. In addition to all of these duties she finds time for canteen work and belongs to the Central Union Church Choir. She keeps open house for service friends and devotes a fair portion of her time to doting upon her young grandson.

MISS CHARLOTTA HOSKINS, Vice-President.

Charlotta Maria Hoskins was born at Sioux City, Iowa. She received her A. B. from the University of Redlands and did graduate work at the University of Hawaii, University of Washington and the University of Southern California, receiving her A. M. from Redlands and her certificate in librarianship from the University of Southern California. She was Senior Assistant in the Department of Work with Schools at Los Angeles Public Library, and was head of the same department at the Sioux City Public Library. She was assistant librarian of the Maui County Free Library and Graduate Assistant at the University of Redlands Library. At present she is head of the Reference and Loan Department of the University of Hawaii Library. On a fellowship from the Writers Guild Miss Hoskins made an interesting survey on the gaps and deficiencies in subject material in children's literature. School and children's librarians are familiar with this survey -- which actually is a list of books which have never been written but which are needed.

MRS. MABEL JACKSON, Secretary

Chicago-born Mrs. Jackson was Phi Beta Kappa, Magna Cum Laude at the University of Washington, where she received her B. S. in Library Science. Later she got her M. A. in Library Science at the University of California. She was assistant librarian at Wasco County Library at The Dalles, Oregon for four years, then served for two years as assistant in the Lange Library of Education at the University of California. She was Librarian of the Woodland Public Library at Woodland, California and was Cataloger at the Hawaii County Library in Hilo for two years. She is now Assistant Librarian of the Library of Hawaii. She has been vice-president of the Honolulu Business and Professional Women's Club. Her special interest, she says, is gardening -- but adds, "it certainly isn't possible in a Waikiki apartment".

MISS EDITH IRWIN, Treasurer

Edith Irwin hails from California, having been born in San Francisco. She grew up in Honolulu where she attended Punahou. She went to Stanford and later to the Columbia University School of Library Science. She has been with the Catalog Department of the Library of Hawaii since August of 1941. In 1942-43 she was secretary of the Staff Association of the Library of Hawaii. In her spare time, Miss Irwin says she enjoys sports (especially swimming) and dancing.

MRS. JULIET DAVIS, Ex-Officio Vice-President

Mrs. Davis lived in Pittsburgh during the early years of her life, then moved to the Middle West. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin Library School. She was a branch librarian for the Duluth Public Library and was with the Hibbing Library, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. At one time she was head of Stations for the Detroit Public Library and was head of the desk at the University of Nebraska Library. She is now Librarian of the Maui County Free Library at Wailuku, Maui. She acts as Hawaii Chairman of the A. L. A. Membership Committee.

MRS. ISABEL WELSH, Ex-Officio Vice-President

Mrs. Welsh, Librarian of the Hawaii County Library in Hilo, came to the Islands from California seventeen years ago and has been in her present position since July, 1927. She is a graduate of the library school of Drexel Institute of Philadelphia, and worked for a few years in the Cataloging Department of the Los Angeles Public Library. After a year as head of the Los Angeles Library School she resigned from the library and was for a number of years occupied with newspaper and promotional work. Mrs. Welsh writes us: "As to special fields of interest -- I haven't any that I know of. If you asked for special fields of non-interest -- I could think of several -- such as, listening to the radio, cooking and keeping house without a maid".

MRS. THELMA HADLEY, Ex-Officio Vice-President

Born in Honolulu Mrs. Hadley grew up on Kauai, where she is now Librarian of the Public Library Association at Lihue. She specialized in journalism and literature at the University of Nevada. Attracted to library work by the opening of the new Kauai Public Library building she took her training at the Library School of the Los Angeles Public Library under Miss Marion Horton and returned to Kauai as Children's Librarian. She remained in this position until 1939, when she became Librarian. Busy Mrs. Hadley's personal life "is devoted to the mothering of three children, ages 9, 11, and 13, and to meeting the challenge of semi-maidless housekeeping. I manage to squeeze in a little community activity in an assortment of organizations and to find a little time for a bit of gardening".

(The Who's Who of the Executive Board will be continued in the next issue.)

DO YOU LIKE THE IDEA? ? ?

Of a quarterly news bulletin for the Hawaii Library Association? This issue is purely in the nature of an experiment, and we hope that it meets with your approval. Here in the Islands we find ourselves isolated by time as well as by space -- almost every library is short-staffed and laden down with increased duties. So the main purpose of this journal will be to bring you in closer touch with the other members of the organization. We will attempt to keep you informed of library doings throught the territory. Please let us know if the idea appeals to you. Do you have any suggestions -- any changes, subtractions, additions, or what have you? We will appreciate hearing from you on the subject.

SECTION SUBJECTS

The Children's Section met at Lincoln School on May 31st. Under the direction of Mrs. Lucinda King, chairman, they discussed "Guides to Children's Literature". The next meeting of this Section will not take place until fall - we will announce the date and place later.

A meeting of the Hawaiian Section took place on May 15th at the Library of Hawaii, with Miss Janet Bell as acting chairman. It was decided that a new chairman will preside at each meeting, the chairman to be chosen at the preceding meeting. The Section decided that their project for the year would be the publishing every three months of a list of current Hawaiiana. It is felt that this list will be helpful, particularly to librarians on the outer islands. Miss Janet Bell will compile the material before the next meeting, and the whole list will be discussed at that time. A copy of the first list will be sent to all members -- if you wish to receive subsequent lists, please write and signify that you want to be put on the permanent mailing list.

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A L O H A

The first news bulletin of the Hawaii Library Association goes to you with the Aloha of your Board. Although we are widely separated in our work, we are closely knit in the common bond of librarianship. It is hoped that through this Journal we will become better acquainted with each other and will be able to share our problems and triumphs.

Violet A. Silverman, President

Please detach this sheet and use it for any comments or suggestions you may wish to make.